വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും, ഭക്ഷ്യവും, തൊഴിലും, വകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി (ശ്രീ. ടി. കെ. നാരായണപിള്ള) :

(എ) ഉണ്ട്.
(ബി) ൨, ൭൫൭ രൂപ.
(സി) ൫,൫൫൫ രൂപയെന്ന് കണക്കാക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു.
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MAISTRIES

77. [3] **Sri. K. Ramachandran:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Communications be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of maistries engaged by the Government;
(*b*) their No. in permanent service;
(*c*) total amount disbursed in 1948, 1949, 1950?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) 1252.
(*b*) 50.
(*c*) Rs. 4,12,661. Rs. 5,17,320. Rs. 5,67,146.

WATER AND LIGHT SUPPLY

78. [4] **Sri. M. I. Paul:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Communications be pleased to state:

How far the scheme of supplying water and light in the whole of the Vypeen Island has progressed?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

The work of extending the pipe lines in the Vypeen area from Azheekal to Narakkal is being arranged to be taken up soon. The investigation of the comprehensive scheme for supplying Alwaye water to the northern littoral tracts by extending pipe-line to Pallippuram *via* Vadakkekara has been started. The work of extension of electric line to Vypeen Island can be taken up only on receipt of necessary materials especially marine cables which will take some time. The work is being included in the budget proposals for 1951—52.

SURPLUS WATER OF PRANTHANERIKULAM AND MUDALIARKULAM

***79.** [5] **Sri. Sree V. Das:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture be pleased to answer the following questions:

(*a*) are Government aware that the people of Kanagappapuram and Kanimadam have been irrigating about 60 acres of land by making use of a canal dug at their own expense for taking the surplus water from the Pranthanerikulam and Mudaliarkulam in Kanyakumari pakuthi;

(*b*) is water cess being collected from the above lands; for how many years;

(*c*) have the agriculturists of the said villages demanded the improvement of the above canal and also the taking up of the maintenance work by the department; for how many years is the demand being made;

(*d*) what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes, for nearly 29 years.
(*c*) Yes, from 1947.
(*d*) An estimate for the work is under preparation and the work will be taken up after getting the approval of the Taluk Food Production Committee.

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